

Anti-Slavery Office,

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New York, 15 Feb., 1864.

My Dear Garrison,

I feel a strong desire to go on to your Reception of Thompson, but fear it will be impossible, or at least very inconvenient, to do so. I am anxious that he should have some sort of reception here, and can't help hoping that the example of Boston may set our Loyal Leaguers at work for the accomplishment of that result. Meanwhile I hope he will not ^{at present} accept the application of any

individual or association to come
here merely as a lecturer. It
would be a pity to have him
make his first appearance
here under any other than the
right auspices. Let the example
of Boston have time to work. If
your Reception goes off well,
I think something can be done here.
I suppose Mr. Thompson has letters
of commendation from Bright, Cobden
and others of our English friends,
to conspicuous Union men here,
and I want them to have an op-
portunity to honor him if they
will.

Pray remember me very cordially
to Mr. Thompson, and assure him
of the gratification I feel in view
of his safe arrival in our country.
My kindest regards, dear Garrison,
to your wife, of whose convalescence
I hear with heartfelt satisfaction.

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson.

O. J. N. G. Feb. 15, 1864